Identifying Potential Hazards Along Evacuation Routes

One key to developing procedures for a quick and orderly evacuation is a thorough assessment of the hazards likely to be encountered en route from classrooms and other activity rooms to safe, open-space areas. Use this form to review the evacuation routes from your school, marking hazards and potential hazards along the routes. It may be helpful to ask your local fire department to send an inspector to complete the survey with you.

Date Surveyed: _____ Surveyed By: _____

	Hazard	Location
	Hallways and/or doors containing glass panels that are other than tempered glass or plexiglass	
	Lockers, bookshelves, or other storage units along hallways Hallways may be cluttered with debris from ceilings, fallen light fixtures, broken glass, and toppled storage units. Students should be advised to anticipate these hazards.	
	Lighting that is dependent on electricity rather than sunlight	
	Elevators Elevators are vulnerable to damage from fires, earthquakes, and other hazards. Signs should be posted near elevators prohibiting their use during emergencies.	
	Building exit routes that pass through arcades, canopies, or porch-like structures	
	Roofs with clay or slate tiles	
	Building facings that include parapets, balconies, or cornices	
	Gas, sewer, or power lines near the outdoor assembly area	
	Other (list):	